

Slovak Republic

Advising Center Network

The EducationUSA Advising Center of the Fulbright Commission in the Slovak Republic provides a full range of advising services for students from all over the country, including individual and group counseling, test preparation, access to the resource library, free internet, and pre-departure orientation. A second EducationUSA partner, the [Slovak Academic Information Agency](#) maintains an extensive outreach network and specializes in global academic mobility.

The Fulbright Commission supports and trains the employees of the InfoUSA Centers in Košice, Bratislava and in Banská Bystrica. Additional support is provided for other advisers affiliated with non-profit organizations and universities. Fulbright works closely with the Division of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Education.

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -15.1%

- ▶ Most Slovak students interested in study abroad opportunities require financial aid. The United States represents a very attractive destination not only because of the quality of higher education but also because of the variety of financial aid opportunities available.
- ▶ Both outgoing and incoming student mobility increased in 2007, but the majority of higher education institutions report an imbalance of outgoing and incoming students (7:1).
- ▶ Advisers note a steadily increasing interest in sports scholarships.
- ▶ Popular fields of study: law, political science, business and management, and arts.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: tennis, swimming, hockey, and soccer.

Resource Links

Fulbright Commission, Educational System in the Slovak Republic:

www.fulbright.sk/educ_system_sk.htm

Slovak Academic Information Agency: www.saia.sk/eng

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Slovak	Slovak
Years of study required:	13 years	3 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	výborný (1) – excellent veľmi dobrý (2) – very good dobrý (3) – good dostatočný (4) – satisfactory nedostatočný (5) – failed	výborný – excellent (A) (outstanding) veľmi dobrý – very good (B) dobrý – good (C) dostatočný – satisfactory (D) vyhovujúci – passing (E) nedostatočný – unsatisfactory (F) (failing)
Scholarship for US studies:	Students and advisers rely on the EducationUSA Weekly Update and the www.educationusa.state.gov/finaid.htm resource link	

Partnering with EducationUSA Slovak Republic

The Fulbright Commission will continue to provide information about study opportunities in the US and in the Slovak Republic. The EducationUSA advising centers of the Fulbright Commission and SAIA serve as a valuable source of educational information both for Slovak and US students, scholars, parents, university representatives, and admission officers.

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Program Highlights: 2007

Supporting Exchange:

The National Science Foundation

In cooperation with the European Office of the Institute of International Education in Hungary, the Fulbright Advising Center organized an information day for the participants of the Central Europe Summer Research Institute (CESRI) of the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Institute provides US graduate students with hands-on experience in research laboratories in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, and the Slovak Republic. The students participated in a set of presentations on issues concerning higher education and research in the Slovak Republic, met with Mr. Edward Kemp, Public Affairs Officer from the US Embassy Bratislava, and visited the laboratories of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.



Strengthening Transatlantic Relationships: US-Slovak Higher Education Forum

On June 6, 2007, the US Embassy and the Fulbright Advising Center organized the US-Slovak Higher Education Forum in Bratislava. The aim of the event was to strengthen and expand the relationship between the US and the Slovak academic communities, to launch direct cooperation and to exchange practical experiences on higher education, and to discuss possible partnerships between business companies and universities. Presenters included Slovak Minister of Education Ján Mikolaj, US Ambassador Rodolphe M. Vallee, and Slovak and US university representatives.



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic
- ▶ US Embassy
- ▶ Slovak Rector's Conference
- ▶ Slovak Academic Information Agency
- ▶ Slovak Academic Association for International Co-operation

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	697	592
Total number of inquiries:	4,983	4,353